GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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HIKE IN PRICES OF PETROL AND DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the early disclosure of probable price hike of petrol and diesel on June 3, 2002 has caused the chaos and panic demand in the markets;

(b) whether the oil corporations have not released the supplies of petrol and diesel on the orders of the Government or had stopped the supplies at their own to earn profits;

(c) whether the General Secretary HPDA had made representation to the Government and had sent the fax on June 3, 2002 on this subject; and

(d) if so, the details of the representation and the action taken/proposed to be taken against the officials found responsible?

Answer

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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)to(d). The Government did not issue any instruction to the Oil Corporations for stopping the supply.It is also not correct to presume that the Oil Corporations had stopped the supply to earn profit.The Oil Companies have followed the procedure.However, on 3rd/4th June, 2002 requests were received for replenishing the stock as per demand estimated.